

REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. The Examiner has restricted the claims as Group I, Claims 1-11 drawn to a process for the hydrothermal treatment of asbestos; and Group II, Claims 12-22 drawn to a plant for the treatment of asbestos.

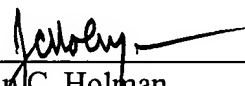
Applicants herewith elect to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, Claims 1-11 drawn to the process. The other claims are retained in this application pending decision to file a divisional application. This election is made without traverse.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is courteously awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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